Promotion of cadaver organ transplantation

*309. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "From the dead, the ultimate gift of life", which appeared in the Indian Express, dated the 25th June, 2001;

(b) if so, the names of organisations helping the movement of promotion of cadaver organ transplantation in the country; and

(c) whether any success has been achieved through this movement of cadaver organ donation in checking and putting an end to the illicit trade of taking organs from the poor and destitute?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An Organ Retrieval and Banking Organisation (ORBO) has been set up as a nodal coordinating centre at All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi which will, *inter-alia*, also perform the function of educating and creating awareness for promotion of the movement of cadaver organ transplantation in the country. The registration of organisations involved in the promotion of cadaver organ transplantation is not envisaged under the Transplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994. Therefore, the list of names of such organisations is not maintained by the Union Government.

(c) The Transplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994 has since been adopted by all the States except Bihar and the three newly formed States, namely, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Uttaranchal and whereas the States of Andhra Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir have enacted their own Acts on similar lines. It is for the State Governments to ensure implementation of the said Act within their respective jurisdictions. The Director General of Health Services has been appointed as the Appropriate Authority under the said Act in respect of the Union Territories including the N.C.T. of Delhi.

Reforms in DDA

†*310. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the functioning of Delhi Development Authority needs comprehensive reforms;

(b) if so, whether Government have formulated any scheme to reform this institution;

(c) if so, the outlines of the said scheme;

(d) whether a number of Expert Committees have also given various suggestions to reform Delhi Development Authority; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the names of the Committees who gave these suggestions?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. There is scope for improvement in Delhi Development Authority (DDA) through modernization and rationalization in different spheres of its activity. The Government is contemplating administrative restructuring of Delhi Development Authority to make the Authority more result oriented.

(d) and (e) The Committees constituted/experts engaged by DDA during the last ten years *i.e.* 1991—2001 are:—

(i) M/s Tata Consultancy Services: Appointed on 12.5.1997 for Review of Zonal Accounting System *i.e.* the existing Centralised Account Unit System with a view to streamline the existing system by switching over to Commercial Accounting system based on Double Entry.

(ii) Two Member Committee: comprising Shri S. H. Manghani, Retd. Addl. Dy. CAG and Shri W. D. Dandage, Retd. D.G., CPWD was constituted on 11.11.1998 to examine the recommendations of Tata Consultancy Services and suggest the modalities to streamline the existing system.

(iii) M/s Thakur Vaidyanath Aiyer & Co.: In accordance with the suggestion of M/s Tata Consultancy Services and the Two Member Committee and also in pursuance of the commitment given to the CAG to convert the Single Entry System in operation in DDA into Double Entry System, M/s Thakur Vaidyanath Aiyer & Co. have been appointed on 24.9.1999 as Consultant for this purpose.